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VICE WON

There was little ceremony in connection with the opening of the new curling rink, but just as soon as the ice was in shape the curlers got down to business and in no time, the annual competition between the president and vice president rinks, was run off, and the vice president won, as indicated below.

President.	Vice President.
Collier.....9	Anderson.....13
Galliker.....9	LeBow.....11
Cunningham.....6	Spooner.....10
Kiever.....15	Stewart.....5
Flood.....9	Barker.....10
Half.....7	Allan.....14
Wright.....8	Butchart.....10
	63
	73

This competition was for a turkey supper, and the losers will dine the winners on Tuesday evening. There was a like competition in the ladies' club, and the ladies will join in the festivities on that night. The pleasures of the feast will be followed by a general discussion of curling, with particular consideration to the holding of a proposed bonspiel at Vulcan on January 28 and 29.

The new rink has been so much mentioned in these columns that readers of this community journal are acquainted with its many excellencies, and there remains nothing to add, but the splendid start that curling has made this season prompts us to repeat that Vulcan has the best curling rink in the country. We are proud of our possession, but not selfish of the facilities and pleasures which it affords and neighbors and friends will be welcome to enjoy these with us.

Now the cold weather has come the amateur photographers, as a rule, put their cameras away and await the return of mild weather before venturing out for a few snapshots again. They possibly do not know that not only is it not necessary to wait for the mild weather, but they are missing a lot of pleasure, besides providing a lot of fun for their friends. Good pictures may be made either in the daytime or evening by the use of flash sheets or powder, at very little extra cost. Many pleasing portraits of the kiddies can be made, very often better than outside, because they are more "at home" in the home. Get some supplies from your local druggist and try a few flashes. You will be surprised at the good results you can get, besides the fun you will give the kiddies. For the best results it will pay you to consult your local photographer, as everything depends on the position of the flash, the camera and the sitter.

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FIRST GAME

Mayor Butchart facing the puck, Mayor Welch of Okotoks officiating in the game, and the stands and gallery filled with hundreds of people who were enthusiastic and fair, and the pep that was added by lively music rendered by the band, gave hockey a really auspicious start here on Wednesday night.

It was the first game in the new rink and the opening game in the league in which Vulcan is represented for the first time, and it was appropriate that Mayor Butchart should address the assembly, conveying the welcome of this town to the visiting hockey artists and the civic officials and prominent citizens who accompanied them. He bespoke the fair and sporty treatment usually accorded to visitors to Vulcan, and we have the expressed appreciation of the Okotoks players and their supporters of the pleasure of their visit, and what they will tell the friends at home and abroad about our rink and the town we think we can correctly guess.

Okotoks has long had a provincial hockey reputation, and they merit it, and the same was maintained on this occasion. The game was just of the kind for the opening of the season and the beginning of the league. The visitors demonstrated the advantage of training and the practice of system. This the local boys lacked, but their determination to do their best produced a game that was keenly interesting all the way through, and many times the excitement was at high pitch. The showing made by the boys has the approval of President Fred Anderson and Manager Bob Simington, and everybody is with them. The game was good, with just enough strenuousness to make it right. There were several penalties, but all for minor offences, and Referee McKay so controlled the game as to give entire satisfaction. The score was five to three, Okotoks scoring two in the first period, one in the second and two in the third, Thompson getting two and three by Earl Overland, who were the best for Okotoks. Vulcan tallied two, and both were got by Max Mutt; to individualize would hardly be justified, but his team mates and all who witnessed the match are in accord in giving Ed Orr credit for an exceptionally great game in goal. The teams:

Okotoks.	Goal	Vulcan.
King.....	Defence	Orr
MacRae.....	Defence	Walker
Thompson.....	Forward	Leverington
Overland.....	Max Mutt	
Overland.....	Cummings	
Overland.....	Reor	
Metcalfe.....	Ted Mutt	
Bannister.....	E. Marcellus	

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Graham have gone to Kincaid, Sask., to visit a daughter.

Mr. Mark F. Hill, a former well known resident of Vulcan district is now located at Vernon, B.C., and course, The Advocate now goes to that address. The best wishes of many go with him to his new home.

The last issue of The Municipal Review, published at Montreal and circulated throughout all Canada, gave prominence to Vulcan as having undertaken the building and operation of a municipal skating rink.

There was no ceremony in connection with the opening of the new curling rink, but already there has been a contest that has—or will—cost the losers a turkey supper for the whole club. It was the usual annual contest between the president and vice-president, and this time the vice president rinks won.

The old Bank of Hamilton signs were taken down the other day, and on the first of the year cards were displayed with this notice: "The Canadian Bank of Commerce," with which is amalgamated the Bank of Hamilton. In but few towns are branches of the old banks being maintained—or more properly two branches of the amalgamated banks—and Vulcan is one of these.

THE GREAT EVENT

New Municipal Skating Rink Opened
By His Worship

"The rink is yours—enjoy it." These were the concluding words of an address by Mayor Butchart, delivered on Tuesday night at the formal opening of the Vulcan municipal skating rink, and there was magic in the words to start the band playing and create a burst of skaters from the throngs that in a jiffy spread out in hundreds over a beautifully clear and keen sheet of ice.

It was a grand and glorious feeling, experienced to the limit by those who skated and the spectators, and everybody. Anticipation is sometimes said to be better than realization, but not so in this case. Of course every inch of the rink construction and the necessary preparations were watched with interest and satisfaction, but the height of delight was reached when the mayor said go, and the countenance of everyone just beamed with delight and every body in town was there and they came for miles around to participate in what was truly a great event.

The mayor, in his neat and timely speech, traced the rink enterprise from its inception to completion, and gave credit to the members on the council and the citizens for their loyal and untiring support of the undertaking which has made such a splendid success of what in every respect can truly be called a genuine community accomplishment, and Vulcan will not be selfish with her fine possession, and friends from near and far are invited to join us in our sports and joys.

The Advocate cannot assemble adjectives sufficient to adequately describe the real joy and satisfaction that permeated the whole assembly, for they were certainly filled with the spirit, and all gave the appearance that trouble had no place in Vulcan that night and it hadn't. There were skaters young and old, from four years to sixty, some starting to skate and some starting to learn over again, and all enjoying to the fullest what was indeed a grand opening. It was great—immense—fine—and all the rest.

The rink in course of building has been described in detail in these columns, and there is nothing to add, except that now when completed Vulcan has one of the best rinks in the province of Alberta. Everything worked together for good, in connection with this community enterprise. The summer extended itself into the winter sufficiently to permit of no delays in building, and when everything was in readiness along came the weather man with a twenty below snow to furnish the ice. And what better date could there be for the opening than the first day of the new year? There were a hundred things that might merit mention in connection with this opening, and one of the chief of these was the truly delightful air of real satisfaction that was everywhere apparent, and our people never looked better than they did that night and under ordinary circumstances Vulcan has a fair estimate of the good looks of its people. Then there was the band, at its best for many months, generous and enthusiastic, playing as to express their appreciation of a band room at the rink, which affords them comfort and facilities in furnishing music on band nights, and which will be their permanent quarters. The boys have the place nicely decorated with pennants and pictures, and they figure that they have now acquired in big measure what has so long been required—a real band room.

MONTHLY REPORT

December Standing of Vulcan School Pupils

Grade VIII—Mayne Lebeau 84.7, Olive Linley 84.1, Hazel Carruthers 73.8, Elma Elkins 73.7, Glen Robbie 72.6, Mary Doyle 72.5, George Seaman 68.1, Clifford Ogilvy 66.1, William Packwood 64.1, George McPherson 58.1, Robbie 56.8, Floyd Elkins 51, Margaret McLeod 39.3 (absent for some of the examinations.)

Grade VI—Leta Roe 90.3, Mabel McPherson 89.3, Dora McPherson 83.6, Norma Vanskier 82, Lawrence Doyle 80.6, Edward Jamieson 79.6, Jessie Packwood 78, Eugene Hanson 71.3, Olive Burns 57, Chester Dewie 57, Leo Loiselle 50.2.

Grade V—Alice Berringer 94.3, Sylvia Seaman 85, Katie Dewie 84.6, Margaret Herdman 82.3, Billie Charters 82.3, Dorothy Donaldson 82, Verna Russell 79.3, Harriet Discher 78.6, Carlton Jones 78.3, Marion Flood 77.6, Theron Vaughn 77.6, Bruce Vanskier 76.3, Helen Simington 76, Donald Carson 72, Jimmy Russell 70.6, Harry Ferguson 67.3, Muriel Nicholson 61.3, Irene Loiselle 53.6, Edith Burns 53.3, Harold King 52.3, Gertrude Martin 49, Bertha Adams 26.6.

WOLFE MITCHELL

Vulcan Alderman Weds Former Lady Resident

The wedding of Mr. Jack Wolfe of Vulcan and Miss Marie Mitchell of Douglas, Manitoba, which took place at Okotoks on New Year's night was a very pretty affair. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Kidd of the residence of Mrs. Metcalfe, aunt of the bride. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell of Douglas, Manitoba, parents of the bride; Miss V. Mitchell, Innisfail; Mr. and Mrs. J. Metcalfe, Okotoks; Miss A. Metcalfe, Miss R. Metcalfe, Mr. W. Metcalfe, Okotoks; Mr. J. Simpson, Edmonton; Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Esdale, Miss Rothway, Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Denbigh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker, Vulcan; Miss H. Tilton and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Okotoks.

The bride entered the drawing room on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She looked particularly charming in a beautiful bridal dress of brown pan velvet trimmed with bands of beaver, and she carried a shower bouquet of opelia roses and white carnations. She was accompanied by little Ruth Metcalfe dressed as a flower girl. The wedding took place under an arch of pink and mauve and white chrysanthemums beautifully arranged with smilax.

The wedding was followed by an informal reception and wedding breakfast at which toasts were proposed to the bride, the bride's mother and Mrs. Metcalfe. The presents were very numerous and beautiful. Later in the evening the couple left for Vancouver, from which place they will start on a tour through the Panama canal to New York. On their return they will reside in Vulcan.

A. F. & A. M.

Joint Installation and Banquet at Vulcan

A joint installation of the officers of Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Champion Lodge No. 84, Pyramid Lodge No. 111, A.F. and A.M. took place in the I.O.O.F. hall, Vulcan, on Thursday evening, December 27th. W. Bro. G. M. Carson was the installing master and was assisted by past masters of the various lodges. The following took office for Vulcan lodge: F.L. Simington, W.M.; F. A. Elves, I.P.M.; W. E. Butchart, S.W.; E. J. Charters, J.W.; J. Leverington, Treas.; F. M. Anderson, Sec.; G. McQueen, Chaplain; D. Cunningham, S. D.; S. Washburn, J. D.; P. Terry, D. of C.; G. C. Collier, S.S.; O. A. Craig, J. S.; W. A. Howes, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed the newly elected W.M. acted as toastmaster. The following toasts were given: "The King and the Craft" by the toastmaster responded to by W. Bro. Howes; "Grand Lodge" by W. Bro. Carson, responded to by R. Wor. Bros. Clement and Orr; "The Ladies" by Bro. Butchart, responded to by Mrs. Beaubier and Bro. D.H. Galbraith; "The Visitors" by Bro. Stewart, responded to by the newly installed masters of Champion, Lomond and Nobleford lodges, Bros. Watkins, Vickers and Cawdon. After the banquet dancing was indulged in until the early hours, the music being supplied by Ober's orchestra.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Odd Fellows announce a court whist drive, supper and dance to be held in the hall on Friday evening, January 11th.

Thursday is band night at the rink, arrangements having been made for music regularly on this night each week. No extra charge band nights.

Married in Vulcan, by Rev. J. N. Brunton, on December 24, 1923, Mr. Daniel O. Jantzie of Vulcan, to Miss Nellie Mae Clarke of Lomond. Friends extend them congratulations and best wishes.

The U.F.A., the official paper of the United Farmers, in the issue of January 2nd, mentions Vulcan as one of several points where the men and women are covering the country in a big drive and the membership is rolling up.

Now that Vulcan has facilities for a bonspiel that are not excel in many places, officials of the curling club are contemplating a bonspiel of real size and class. Good ice is available for playing seven or eight rinks at the same time, and a couple of days' Spiel would furnish sport for a good many curlers. Let's have it.

Mr. Bob Greacen, who recently left Vulcan and spent some time in New York, has now arrived at Airemore House, Monaghan, Ireland, his old home, and where his relatives reside. He will keep tab of Vulcan events through the medium of The Advocate, which has been ordered to his new address, and which will convey to him the season's greetings of many friends.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dunbar left here last week for Lewiston, Idaho.

Born in Vulcan, on December 29th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marcellus, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferngren and family of Calgary, have been visiting friends in Vulcan and vicinity.

Mr. R. Thomas of Calgary, a former business man at Vulcan, spent the first day of the new year in the old town, and many friends were glad to greet him.

Mr. Morrison of the Bank of Hamilton staff will be succeeded by Mr. Drummond, who is now here to join the staff under the new amalgamation arrangements.

Mr. Howard Marcellus left this week for a trip to Oklahoma, where Mrs. Marcellus attended a family reunion. Both will return in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. L. Roach of the telephone staff was a recent visitor at the Middleton home south and west of town where real hospitality was extended to several friends during the holiday season.

It was a thoughtful and kindly act for Mrs. Ober to serve lunch and coffee to the band boys at the rink on opening night, and they have requested that their appreciation be expressed.

The Vulcan court the other day had an unusual case. It was the prosecution of a man for using a postage stamp that had already been used. The postal department prosecute with vigor infractions of the law of this kind.

The Vulcan Co-operative loaded and shipped a car load of hogs from this point on Wednesday. The buying and shipping of live stock is a new venture with this firm and this and other shipments recently made is evidence of the splendid development of this branch of the business.

There will be a convention of the Vulcan District Association, U.F.A., at the Odd Fellows' hall in Vulcan, on Friday, January 11th. This is a special conference to receive the report on the membership drive, and a feature will be the consideration of resolutions, to be presented to the coming provincial U.F.A. convention.

The Advocate has just received a line from Mr. R. C. Bowie, recently of the Reid Hill district, to advise that his paper be sent to Trego, Montana, where he is now employed in the lumber business, and where the weather is fine and lots of snow. He mentions it as a shame that there they burn up every day quantities of wood that the people in southern Alberta would be glad to have.

It was a big bunch and a merry bunch that danced the old year out and the new year in, at the Odd Fellows' hall in Vulcan. Always on the eve of the new year there is a dance at this place, and always a success, and this year was as good as the best. Music by the Ober orchestra was up to their high standard, and the eats served by the Rebekahs are always a treat.

Hitching sleighs on behind wagons and autos is great fun for the boys and girls, but in it there is an element of great danger which the kiddies of course do not seem to realize. Mayor Butchart has had his attention drawn to some near accidents, and desires to notify the parents of their responsibility in the matter and to warn all concerned of the serious consequences that might result in the continuance of this practice of hitching to rigs. Vulcan cannot afford to have any of our little folks injured, or perhaps killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Errett King and their young son took the train here on the first day of the year for Vancouver, where they will take passage on the steamship Empress of Canada, which leaves on January 4th on the Canadian Pacific around America, touching the ports of Victoria, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama Canal, Cuba, and reaches New York on January 25. Mr. and Mrs. King are curlers and skaters, and will miss the splendid sport which our new rinks afford, and the last thing they did was to curl a game. But they will no doubt have a great trip, and everybody wishes them the best.

Mrs. Lucinda Francis, whose maiden name was Ward, born in Ohio, July 23rd, 1841, died at the home of her son, Charles Francis, in the Vulcan district, on December 27th, 1923. Deceased lost her husband by death some twenty-five years ago and eight years ago came to Vulcan and has since resided with the son mentioned. Two other sons, survive, Melvin Francis of Clinton, Mont., and Marion Francis, of St. Joseph, Mo. A sister and brother are still living, and they are Mrs. Ella Duckworth, of New Canton, Ill., and Layman Ward, of the same place. Deceased was an estimable lady and a long life of more than eighty-two years was well spent.

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VULCAN, ALBERTA

TANGONG AND TROTTING

Legislation touching upon dancing always causes comment, and Cardinal Begin's pastoral letter has received considerable prominence. Many people are of the opinion that no one has any right to interfere with their actions upon the waked floor. Still every social worker, in fact the average man or woman, knows that modern dancing is very jungle like in its morality. The new dances are becoming more and more repugnant, more and more hampered. The Montreal Star, referring to Cardinal Begin's letter terms it "A Timely Restraint", and says it will be approved by all right thinking people: "The good old dances of thirty years ago gave all the pleasurable excitement that any normal person could desire. They were modest and graceful, and fulfilled all reasonable aims of sociability. The objectionable dances came before the war and the reckless war spirit licensed the excesses that have brought them into greater disrepute. When the Catholic church speaks on such a subject it speaks with authority, with determination and with the power of enforcement. While the Protestant churches can do much by exhortation and public denunciation, it is regrettable that they have not the power to enforce their views in such matters as those dealt with by Cardinal Begin. The sooner there is an authoritative condemnation of all sorts of such indecencies as are now anatomized the better for the health and morals of the people. The sooner there is a revision to reasonable forms of amusement the better will it be for the well-being of the Commonwealth. The mind diseased is, to a large extent, neglected and generally speaking is ministered to by underpaid advisors, while the body diseased has myriads of well-paid physicians."

Among the various exchanges coming to this office, the Drumheller Mail comes as a welcome visitor and we note with pleasure the prosperity of its editor, G.C. Duncan, who has recently installed a new press, folding machine, stereotyping outfit, perforator, etc. The Mail has a liberal advertising patronage which would indicate the business men of Drumheller appreciate the importance of having such an up-to-date plant in their town. Mr. Duncan is to be congratulated upon turning out such a newsy and well edited newspaper and his enterprise will no doubt be rewarded by a permanent advertising patronage that will partially repay him for his investment.

The illness of Hon. W. S. Fielding will be regretted by friends and foes alike, says the Kincardine Review. He is the strongest man in the government and his counsel is needed if there is any intention on the part of the Prime Minister to settle down to the prosaic business of public administration. The acting Finance Minister, Hon. James Robb is, however, a man of good parts. He is an excellent business man and has executive ability of no mean sort. There is nothing flashy about his oratory but he has sagacity and prudence as well as the way of doing things.

Newspapers don't punish people through the columns of the paper half so often as the people think. There are newspaper men who have their enemies. In fact it is the rule, says the Digby Courier, that they do have their enemies, for it is hard to keep from making them if you work around a newspaper, but there are few newspapers that use their organ to settle a private grudge.

THE RAILWAY SINK-HOLE

It comes as a shock to business men to realize that since the war ended, Canada has sunk over half a billion dollars of money collected from the taxpayers of the dominion in the railways. It is fair to say "sunk," for the already over-capitalized railway system of the country can never be expected to recoup the national treasury for the advances made to cover operating deficits and interest charges in these past few years. Accustomed to speaking in millions, the people of today find it hard to realize what half a billion dollars means. It is a great deal more than the entire debt of Canada at the outbreak of war. It is more than the total annual revenue of Canada from all sources by many millions. It would pay the interest on our war debt for four years and leave enough over to build the Toronto viaduct, to finish the Hudson's Bay railway and to build a hundred post offices. It would build a transcontinental railway across Canada—if we needed another. The most unsatisfactory feature of these railway advances, as politicians euphemistically term them, is the fact that they immediately add interest burdens that eat up any savings effected in operation. In the first nine months of the present year, the Canadian National railways improved net earnings by around \$6,000,000. Yet \$6,000,000 will not do much more than pay the interest on the last year's losses, so that the line has stepped little further toward becoming a self-supporting enterprise than it was a year ago. And this year, more interest bills will be paid by the dominion government and these interest charges will begin to incur additional interest charges until the snowball rolling down hill becomes an avalanche. The only way in which the Canadian National railways will make real progress will be to slash expenditures and improve earnings in such a way that the improvement in earnings can overtake the yearly additions to fixed charges. To the ordinary business man, the best way to slash expenses seems to be an adjustment in wages. Railway workers draw civil list salaries and do less work than ever before. Canada should shake itself free from the McAdoo octopus. A lower railway payroll and an influx of new citizens will help to prevent another five hundred millions dollars finding its way to the railway sink-hole.

PRESS COMMENTS

Ampror Chronicle: The average head of a family today considers eight hours a day as the maximum time it should take to support those dependent upon him. A generation ago father worked ten to twelve hours regularly, supplemented by a son in the field or shop, and wife with a flock of chickens, and a shelf full of preserves, gathered and prepared by herself.

London Advertiser: The wonder is that people who would be and should be extremely jealous of their own reputations receive and pass on reports that they know little or nothing about. A bit of scandal or near-scandal is a choice morsel to roll under the tongue. No, we don't stop to see if it is so or not so. We hustle along to buttonhole the first person we meet so that the news may travel. We seem to be afraid that if we stopped to verify our facts the story would peter out and we would have a dead yarn on our hands instead of a live scandal. Ordinary decency and Christian charity should make us put our tongues between our teeth until we could come to the point where the brain and the tongue operated at the same rate of speed. It will be a glorious day when we take as much joy out of our fellow-citizen's success as we do out of anything that smacks of the first step toward a downfall.

ALBERTA HOMESTEADS

According to statistics compiled by the Edmonton dominion land office it is interesting to note that homesteads are now being taken up by a number of men born in Alberta. These in the main are the sons of Galician immigrants, who apparently aim to follow in the successful footsteps of their parents from the old lands. Last month homesteads were filed on by the following nations: Canadian New Zealanders, American, English, Swede, Pole, Galician, German and Russian.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

(From The Kincardine Review)

"If winter comes" we cannot blame it very much. So live that when your summons comes you will tell the truth even under oath.

It we do not care for God we have hardly any right to expect Him to care for us.

Men who wear their B.V.D.'s in December, have no real cause to wonder why they're dead.

Some of our young men would get on awful bump if they were thrown on their own resources.

The great war is a has-been or else Ramsey McDonald would not be thought of as a Prime Minister.

Surgery has made great progress since the discovery that man carries around with him many spare parts.

The Farmer's Sun lost heavily during the past year yet it continues to boast that it is not like other papers.

Ex-Premier Drury appeared at the U.F.O. convention wearing a silk hat. But no one ever doubted his courage.

Nowadays a man is sent to jail for carrying liquor. In the old days they sent a man to jail when he couldn't carry it.

Christmas comes but once a year and there is no real reason why Christmas numbers of newspapers should come so often.

Things are coming father's way at last. There is a proposal in France to give him as many votes as he has children.

Taxation without representation has ever been considered an enormity but representation without taxation would be quite popular.

Statistics show that sickness in Ontario in recent years is much more prevalent at Christmas than in any other time of the year. Do your shopping early.

A man must have good judgement to be a successful crook, says a writer. But he forfeits his claim to good judgment just as soon as he accepts the job.

War is waste from start to finish. So too is litigation. It is waste of time and money for the state for litigants, jurors and witnesses—sometimes even for lawyers.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was made a Baron because he was president of the C.P.R. and his son inherits the title. It would be much more logical if it went to Mr. E.W. Beatty.

Don't talk to Hon. Charles Murphy about penance. He knows more about it than you do. He had to propose the toast of the Prime Minister at a recent banquet in Ottawa.

And to think that Zorra would raise up a son in Mr. W. J. Blair to become the conservative leader in Alberta! As the Alderman says in the Ingoldsby Legends "wonders will never stop ceasing."

An American professor states that one American in every seven is feeble-minded. An American friend of ours says it must be true, otherwise that man would never have been made a professor.

The preacher who can preach to please every hearer, the school teacher who can instruct to please every parent, the dressmaker who can please every patron, the merchant who can please every buyer, and the editor who can please all his subscribers are all dead and carrying harps.

As a result of the efforts of Hon. George Hoadley, minister of health and agriculture, a supply of trypanasomide, the new cure for paresis and locomotor ataxia recently developed by the Rockefeller Institute of Research, will be secured by the Alberta public health department to be used under its direction in experimental work at the university hospital and the government institution at Ponoka.

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BANKING SYSTEM

Estimating, as all thinking men do, the relation of banks to the progress and stability of the country, and more especially, as seen in the west, their relation to the agricultural industry, Mr. W. C. Good, progressive M.P. for Brant, who visited Alberta recently, has collected information which has caused him to form certain views. These views are the outcome of personal investigations made in an extended tour which took in Western Canada. Just at this time when the question of legislation in regard to banks is to be gone into when parliament meets the information which Mr. Good has accumulated should be of much service. There are certain reforms Mr. Good advocates which he has not hesitated to set forth. He argues that the evils of inflation and deflation are controllable. The problem he holds, should be grappled by statesmen and others with a view to the remedying of what it has to be acknowledged, is an economic evil. Even though the remedy may not be a perfect one, he regards the effort as desirable. Giving an emphasis to the recent disclosures following bank failures, he concentrates on the importance of government supervision of banks, the value of which has been proved in the United States, and urges the need of immediate legislation in this respect. Mr. Good favors the local independent bank, particularly for a country like Canada. He advocates legislation to give these banks a fair chance for organization and survival. To bring this about he puts forward the need of a central government bank for note issue and rediscounting. The ordinary commercial bank, Mr. Good contends, has not met, does not meet, and cannot very well meet the financial needs of agriculture. He considers that Provincial efforts should be made in the matter of long-term credits extended to agriculture. Mr. Good argues, have proved eminently satisfactory. Short-term credits have not yet been well tried out in America, but the evidence is in their favor. Mr. Good goes on to point out that the problem of what he considers wasteful competition between private banks can be satisfactorily solved by a system of local co-operative community banks federated into larger units, and linked with a government central bank. In concluding his views, Mr. Good calls attention to the dominating position held by finance in the modern world, pointing to this being symbolized in the architecture and luxuriance of bank buildings. He utters the hope that these, in being dedicated to the welfare of mankind, will express one of the greatest of our public services.—*Lethbridge Herald.*

IS NOW SATISFIED

Deploring that he was disappointed at the outlook when he arrived in Canada under the colonization scheme for Imperial ex-service men, but is now well satisfied with his prospects, E. J. Comfort writes the Land Settlement Board from Silver Stream, near Tisdale, Saskatchewan, as follows: "I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the assistance given me and also the advice by your department. I came to Canada as a settler, under the colonization scheme for ex-service men. After my arrival here I cannot say I was too favorably impressed by conditions, so far as farming was concerned, but I decided to carry on and thoroughly investigate conditions and to give it a thorough trial before quitting. I am pleased to say that my investigation and observation have quite changed my opinion and the result is that I have decided to remain here. I would thoroughly recommend to all ex-service men and others who cannot find any hope of advancement or betterment of their prospects of a livelihood in the old country to come over here where there is every prospect of success and a good living to all who are capable and not afraid of hard work. I would strongly advise any ex-service men who are contemplating settling in Canada to avail themselves of the assistance and services of the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada, through their representatives in London. Every assistance is given through the board to ex-service men in placing them in employment and in settling them on their own selected farms, on terms which one could not obtain through any other source. I have finally settled in the Carrot River Valley, near Tisdale, Saskatchewan, where there is still room for many more settlers. This district is an exceedingly good one for farming and one where you are quite likely to meet someone you know. It is a purely English speaking district and school facilities are good. The summer is fairly long and warm, and so far the winter is in no way severe. Trusting that my information which has been personally gained may be of some use to others who are undecided whether to make the experiment or not."

Owing to the great success which has attended the corn growing in southern Alberta during the past season, a bulletin on the growing of this crop has been prepared by Prof. Jas. Murray, district agriculturist of the provincial department of agriculture at Medicine Hat, and will be printed and distributed shortly.

REASON FOR THANKS

The approach of the New Year finds Canada with many things to be thankful for. While many important industrial countries are complaining of depression and hundreds of thousands of unemployed are walking their streets and being kept from starvation through the payment of millions of dollars in the form of doles, Canada's trade has continued to expand and she has no serious unemployment problem. And—better—still—the outlook is bright. Canada's external trade has kept up wonderfully well and without the assistance of large credits. The explanation is that she is producing commodities for which the world has need. During the year ending October 1st, her total external trade was \$1,913,860,000, and increase of \$374,465,000 over that for the preceding year. The exports were \$1,010,867,000, and increase of \$204,376,000, and the imports, \$902,993,000, an increase of \$170,088,000. The favorable trade balance amounted to \$107,873,000, in comparison with \$73,585,000 for the preceding twelve months. It is to be observed that this business was done following a wheat crop of 397,000,000 bushels. It is impossible to say at this writing, definitely, what the yield has been for the present year, but the last Government estimate states 469,761,000 bushels, since when the Hon. Mr. Robb, Minister of Immigration and Colonization and former Minister Trade and Commerce, has publicly stated his conviction that it will reach 500,000,000 bushels. If these figures are correct, there will be an increased production for export this year of nearly 100,000,000 bushels. After all, the true basis of prosperity is production, and this Canada has. Moreover, it is not a production of things for which it is difficult to find such as food, animals, timber, minerals, etc., with a comparatively large percentage of manufacturers. If the preferential trade proposals announced by the British Government at the Economic Conference in London are carried through, they will undoubtedly greatly benefit Canadian industry, particularly the British Columbia salmon fishing industry and the apple growers through the Dominion generally. The latest proposal is to place a duty on canned salmon and fresh apples when imported into Great Britain from other countries and to permit these products from within the Empire to enter duty free. We will deal with this subject fully in the following issue, mentioning only, for the present, that the proposals include honey, tobacco, wine and fruit juices, with the imposition of a duty on foreign importations of dried fruits, apples, pears and peaches. It is reported that the fruit and honey crops of Great Britain, owing to the damp season, have been a failure. A tremendous movement of grain is taking place from the West, taking shipping facilities to the utmost, assuring a record volume of traffic for transportation interests. Owing to the lateness of the crop, it has been slower in reaching the market this year than last, with the result that the number of cars inspected during the months September and October was over 100,000, or 3,200 below the number for the same months last year. But the inspections on the Canadian Pacific Railway have been nearly 1,000 over those of last year, a clear indication that Canada's "Pioneer Trans-Continental" is handling the greater volume of grain.

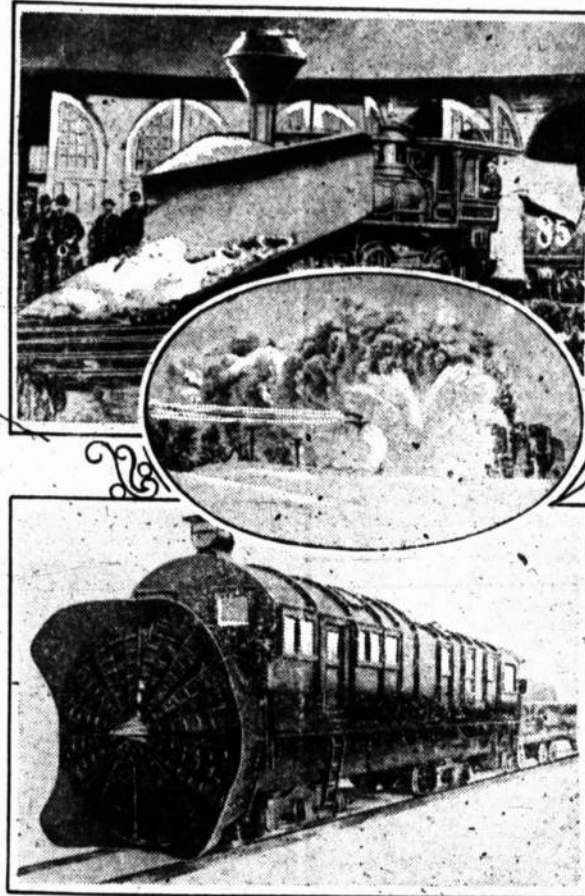
ALBERTA SEED FAIR

The provincial seed fair to be held in Edmonton again the coming month, on January 17 and 18, will show considerable improvement in the prize list. About \$4,000 will be competed for in prizes, and there are several special prizes. The Alberta Pacific Grain Co. offers a special prize for the best sample of Alberta Marquis wheat. The U.G.G. of Calgary offers a special for the best sample of seed oats. P. Burns Co. offers a special for the best exhibit of potatoes. The Commercial Life Assurance Co. offers a silver trophy to the grower with the highest aggregate score for any two farm crops eligible for registration at the seed fair. A gold watch is given with this honor. A gold watch will be awarded to the grower securing first in each of wheat and oats. The annual meeting of the Alberta seed growers will be held during the seed fair and a dinner, it is expected, will also be given to delegates, including the outstanding winners at the Chicago exhibition.

J.D.O. Mothersill of the Edmonton Board of Trade, representing both that body and the provincial government, will go to Vancouver shortly to investigate charges at the terminal elevators, in connection with the proposal to raise the harbor dues on grain there.

Milk tastes good; it is easily digested, and is very nourishing. It makes bone, brawn and blood. In fact the vigor and success of a nation depend largely upon the amount of milk it uses. In the United States forty billion quarts of milk a year is used. This would make a lake large enough to float all the navies of the world. A glass of milk contains a mixture of all the important things that make up a mixed diet. Every growing child should have a quart of milk a day.

Fighting the Storm



Above—One of the first rotary snow plows. Below—One of the Canadian Pacific rotary plows, of latest design.

In certain portions of Canada and the United States, the successful and regular movement of trains during the winter months often depends upon the use of special equipment, the purpose of which is to remove snow and ice from the tracks, and from the direct right of way. As a matter of fact, no railroad in Canada or in the northern parts of the United States could hope to operate without a complement of snow-fighting equipment.

In a study of snow-fighting equipment it is interesting to note that its development is very largely due to Canadians and to Canadian railways, although snow conditions in Canada are no more severe than those met with on roads passing over the Rocky or Cascade Mountains in the United States, or through the border States. The principal types of snow-fighting equipment may be generally classified as engine and pilot plows, which are attached to the engine front or pilot, push plows, self-contained units mounted on trucks and pushed by a locomotive, wing plows, spreader plows, machine plows which include the rotary machine, flangers, ice cutters and snow sweepers.

As far as can be ascertained, the first snow plow ever built was of the push plow type. As this plow derailed frequently, an endeavor was made to take advantage of the weight of the locomotive, and thus the engine plow was evolved.

The present rotary plow used on roads, which have to fight deep drifts, snow slides or other conditions beyond the capacity of push plows, is the most effective instrument that has been developed for that purpose. These plows can work their way through deep cuts and slides and, in addition, can throw the snow clear of the track. Seen in action, these plows present a rather picturesque appearance when viewed from the front. The rotary plow, as now used, is a development of a revolving snow shovel, patented in 1869 by Mr. J. W. Elliott, a dentist, of Toronto, Ont. This elementary device was modified by Orange Jull, of Orangeville, Ontario, and the Jull rotary was taken up by the Leslie Brothers, also of Orangeville, who constructed a full-sized model which was tried out in the Parkdale yards of the Canadian Pacific in 1884. The success of this trial led the Leslie Brothers to have made for them a complete plow which was tried out by the Union Pacific Railroad during the winter of 1886-87. This plow was the forerunner of the modern rotary. For many years the Canadian Pacific Railway has constructed its plows of steel. It was the first railway to build and use an all-steel plow, and the service given by this type has been mainly responsible for the all-year communication between eastern and western Canada, the heavy snow falls experienced at times, particularly in Ontario and through the Rockies, being now no impediment to traffic.

A BABEL OF VOICES

Some one—invariably a zealous individual of the reforming species—is always lecturing and criticising farmers for doing or not doing something. Farmers are "damned if they do and damned if they don't." No class of people has so many reformers, leaders, counsellors and "friends," with so many axes to grind. Is it any wonder that not a few farmers who hear or read what their self-styled "friends" say are confused? It is any wonder that thousands of them should have lost confidence in the judgment and sincerity of many or most of their self-appointed "friends"? Much of the "free" advice and so-called "services" offered to farmers appears to be based on the assumption that farmers don't know their own business, and consequently have got to be saved from their own ignorance and incompetence. Aaron Sapiro, for example, the well-paid counsel for the marketing department of the American Farm Bureau Federations, is quoted as recently saying that "the American farmer has taken twenty years to accomplish what he could have accomplished in one year if he had had any brains." We are in a babel of voices. The war of words that deceive, gloss over, exaggerate and inflame is in full swing. The old simple truths, quietly spoken, have been temporarily smothered with propaganda talk that renders the air. But it is reassuring to note that farmers everywhere are beginning to listen to the voices of their own experience and common sense. The voice within is more important to each conscientious man than the voice from without. When a man begins, however wobbly, to stand on his own feet, and to fight his own fight with whatever tools are at hand from day to day where he happens to be, he is on the road to recovery, not only of personal well-being, but of his own manhood and self-respect. American farmers are not crying infants; most of them are badly bent, burdened, discouraged men, who are weary of misleading leadership and political fictions. They are going to quit organizations that spend all their time and money talking "boosting" and quarrelling.—*Breeders' Gazette.*

The convention of Alberta farmers will be held in Edmonton on January 23, 24 and 25.

FLOOD OF ORDERS FOR SEED

As a direct result of the world's records won at Chicago recently by Alberta-grown seed grain, the provincial department of agriculture has been flooded with orders from many countries for seed grain from its cleaning and marketing plant. Enquiries for more than 150 carloads have been received by W. J. Stephen, field crops commissioner, from points in the United States, Great Britain and Europe. The plant will handle about 50,000 bushels this season, and possibly more. Last year it handled 16,500 bushels. Farmers in Alberta who desire seed from the provincial plant are advised to get their orders in at once, so that they may have their requirements filled. Prices for the registered seed from the plant have finally been fixed as follows: Registered Marquis and Ruby wheat, extra No. 1 \$1.00 per bushel; fourth generation, \$1.15; 3rd generation, \$1.25; 2nd generation, \$1.35; 1st generation, \$1.75. Registered Banner and Victory oats, extra No. 1, 60c per bushel; 2nd generation, 85c; 1st generation, \$1.10; Bigland's premium, \$1.10. Registered barley, \$1.00 per bushel. Orders are accepted for quantities of not less than two bushels of wheat, two bushels of barley, three bushels of oats, with 10c each for sacks.

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FIRE PREVENTION

Best Methods, as Suggested by Vulcan Girl's Essay
(Written by Jennie Cook)

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears," or rather your attention. I wish to explain some of the best methods of fire prevention.

We all know that every year there are thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by fire. Many lives are also lost. This only heightens our expenses and lessens our population. In 1921 the fire loss equaled about \$1,733,100 in Alberta alone. This loss is distributed among three hundred and ninety-eight dwellings, one hundred and seventy-eight stores, eleven schools, garages, offices, hotels, warehouses, poolrooms and barber shops, hospitals. Besides this there are numerous forest fires.

The only way to conquer our great enemy, fire, is for everyone to fight against it. Despite the numerous people now engaged in fighting it, the loss is yearly increasing. There is an old saying that "Fire is a good friend but a bad master," also, "Prevention is better than cure." We must heed these warnings by trying in every possible way to prevent fire and although it is a very good friend and we could not very well get along without it, we must yet treat it as a dangerous master.

Look at the thousands of dollars Canada will lose if her forests keep on burning. Why, lumber is an important resource, especially in the east and in British Columbia and it would be a shame if this revenue were checked. Canada might want for fuel, for some people use wood entirely as fuel instead of coal. Lumber for building purposes should be missed too. Today, Canada is paying very high fire insurance in order to replace the damage done by this horrible fiend. But if fire is prevented, fire insurance will decrease.

Now let us look at some of the causes of fire. They are very simple, so simple indeed that some people might think it foolish to mention them at all. Fires are certainly easy to start, but usually as hard to overcome.

One of the simplest mistakes which often causes fire is accumulation of soot in stove pipes and chimneys. This soot may catch fire if the stove is overheated and may then catch fire to woodwork or anything inflammable near it, endangering not only our own property but the property of others. Household fires should be perfectly safe, but all stoves, pipes, chimneys, and walls around them protected from heat by stone, tile, or metal, etc.

2. Do you use the best matches? (Safety matches are always the best.) 3. Are ashes carefully handled, as explained previously? 4. Are inflammable materials left in places where they might come in contact with inflammable liquids and gases and left near stoves? If so, remove them at once. 5. Are chimneys and stove pipes cleaned often so that soot is not allowed to accumulate to endanger our property? 6. Is your house protected from lightning by lightning rods, and are all lightning and electrical connections well made? 7. Is everyone in the house careful in the handling of gasoline and kerosene? 8. Is your house inspected often to remove any things which might cause fire? 9. Are your fire extinguishers in good order? All these rules are extremely simple and if we all follow them we may expect loss of life and property to be reduced greatly. Let us then, help all we can in this great movement.

Gasoline is one of the most dangerous causes of fire. Many are killed through the use of this gas. Kerosene is also dangerous. Never use these gases inside the house for cleaning as it endangers life and property. If possible they should not be kept in the house at all. Especially do not use gasoline or coal oil to light a fire or improve a poor one. This is extremely dangerous and many have lost their lives through doing it. Only in 1921 a lady in Vulcan, using coal oil to light the fire, was killed and the house with its contents was burned. It is best not to use alcohol lamps, especially if made of glass, for if the glass should break, the fluid would be ignited at once. Do not fill a lamp in a room in which there is a light, for gasoline and coal oil often explode when brought in contact with a light. Oily rags should be kept in metal cans and destroyed often. If ever a fire is started through the use of coal oil, throw sand or flour over it to extinguish it. Do not use water in this case as it only spreads the blaze. Damp lampblack will ignite very easily, also charcoal. Grease on the stove will also ignite.

Forest fires are often caused through smokers' carelessness. If they are not careful where they throw their cigarette stubs a serious fire may be the result. When the fire department was in Vulcan it illustrated this very clearly. A party of men on leaving the woods were indulging in a smoke and one carelessly threw away a cigarette stub and thought no more of it. A few hours later word was telegraphed to headquarters that a fire had started in the woods. Probably that man never knew that through his carelessness, he had caused a large forest fire. Picnic parties should be very careful to have their camp fires properly extinguished. Throw dirt on it, or throw water over it. Many times the fire department, knowing where people are camping, keep watch. I know when some Vulcan girls were camping at High River, an aeroplane passed over us several times a day and we were told that they were of ficials from the headquarters of the fire department. Forest fires often occur through the carelessness of throwing away of matches. We must be very careful about these small things. Dry grass and leaves should not be allowed to be kept on property as a lighted match thrown indifferently away may ignite it and do damage. Steam pipes should be kept clear of all rubbish.

Electricity is a means of causing fire. If the wires are not properly connected it is dangerous. An overloaded electric line often causes fire. Of course we cannot stop lightning, but we can at least put lightning rods on houses to prevent so far as we can, our homes catching fire in this way. Very trifling mistakes or more ignorance or carelessness on our part, often causes fire, therefore we should be prepared at all times to meet fire in case of an alarm. All buildings and especially public buildings should be well protected. Buildings over two

stories in height should have fire escapes. Stairways should be kept perfectly clear and good sized aisles should be maintained. Goods of any kind should not be placed in front of doors and windows as in case of fire, it might hinder help. Fire doors and shutters should be closed every night. It is a good idea to have all doors of public buildings swing outward, such as doors in schools, theatres, etc. Do not use matches or candles to light your way in dark cellars or closets as it is very dangerous. Do not hang clothes or anything inflammable near stoves to dry.

Houses should be inspected frequently to remedy anything which might cause fire. If you are living in rented houses, do not wait for the landlord to inspect it. Do it yourself, and see that it is properly protected. All public buildings and especially stores and warehouses should be inspected often and cleared of rubbish in order to insure against fire. Charitable institutions, such as hospitals, asylums, etc., should have provision made to protect the occupants from danger in case of fire. Every year in Vulcan we have a clean up week. This rids our town of rubbish and I believe it is having its effect, for we have not had a fire in Vulcan for a long time.

Spontaneous combustion sometimes causes fire, therefore the farmer must be careful not to pile their straw and feed too heavily in haylofts or other store houses for feed.

Fire drills should be held frequently especially for school children, so that in case of fire the best and easiest way of exit is possible. The children should not get excited for that creates disorder among them which might block all plans.

The danger of fire cannot be impressed too deeply on the minds of citizens, and in order to secure the best results in our campaign against fire, everyone must co-operate with everyone else. The thing to impress is the fact that when we are endangering our own property we are endangering the lives and property of others. Through our carelessness we may lose thousands of dollars of our own as well as other people's and if we do not care for our own things, remember other people care for theirs.

So let us try to prevent fire as best we can and be careful to keep all fire extinguishing apparatus in good working order.

In order to be sure that we have observed these rules we might ask ourselves now and then a few questions, such as:

1. Are floors under stoves, and walls around them protected from heat by stone, tile, or metal, etc.? 2. Do you use the best matches? (Safety matches are always the best.) 3. Are ashes carefully handled, as explained previously? 4. Are inflammable materials left in places where they might come in contact with inflammable liquids and gases and left near stoves? If so, remove them at once. 5. Are chimneys and stove pipes cleaned often so that soot is not allowed to accumulate to endanger our property? 6. Is your house protected from lightning by lightning rods, and are all lightning and electrical connections well made? 7. Is everyone in the house careful in the handling of gasoline and kerosene? 8. Is your house inspected often to remove any things which might cause fire? 9. Are your fire extinguishers in good order? All these rules are extremely simple and if we all follow them we may expect loss of life and property to be reduced greatly. Let us then, help all we can in this great movement.

BRANT NEWS

Quite a number of Brantites attended the show in Blackie Saturday night. The Brant school will open on January 3rd.

Mr. Bill Parker was a Calgary visitor on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McLaren returned last night from Calgary where they spent the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harper and little son, spent Christmas with relatives in Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hicklen and little son spent Christmas with Mr. Heelin's parents in Cayley.

Mr. William Thomas who has been working around Beaver Creek is spending New Year with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Holmes have as their guests over the holidays, Mr. Holmes' brother, Humphrey, of Garbon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McKay and family, spent Christmas with Mrs. McKay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. White of Nanton.

Miss Juanita Platt who is attending school in Calgary, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Platt.

The measles seem to be reigning supreme in the Brant district, as the Neils Jensen children have been, also Ralph Bethel and also Bert Larson.

Brant and vicinity have been experiencing some of the coldest weather of the season, the mercury hovering around 20 and 28 and on Sunday morning it registered 38 below.

The Brant skating rink is ready and will be in full swing as soon as the weather permits. The work on getting the curling sheets in shape is being hurried since the cold weather came.

The Brantites note that their old friend, Mr. John Eversman is happily located in his new adopted country, and the way he speaks of strawberries selling for twenty cents a box makes our mouth water but nevertheless we bet Mr. Eversman wishes he had some of our ice to set his strawberries on to cool. Come again Mr. Eversman.

Eight pupils in the Calgary public and high schools were suspended for disseminating obscene literature among the pupils. The chairman of the school board has asked for the public to back the board in dealing with the problem.

GENERAL NEWS

Lieut.-Governor Brodeur of Quebec died on January 2 from stomach trouble.

A new way to get rich quick is to have a photograph taken of your bank balance and then have it enlarged.

There appears to be better times ahead for 1924. From several of our leading Canadians the spirit of optimism is apparent.

The building occupied by John Martin Paper company at Winnipeg was destroyed by fire on New Year's night, doing damage to extent of \$700,000.

There is little being done in the hay trade. There is an abundance of upland and green feed all over the country with the consequent result of low prices and no demand.

Wholesalers in session at Calgary recently are advocating a reduction in our provincial representation from the present force to 32 members. Less would do.

An offer has been received by the Newsboys' Band of Edmonton, to play for four weeks at the British Empire exhibition in London during the coming year.

Two buffalo are being sent from Buffalo park at Wainwright to Auckland, New Zealand, where they will be placed in the zoological gardens in that city.

Frank Gibson had his neck broken at Calgary when two taxicabs collided. A quick snap of the head caused by the force of the collision resulted in instantaneous death. Both drivers were held blameless by the jury.

Innisfail district, in addition to claiming first place this year for high yields of barley, claims to have produced the heaviest yield of oats so far reported. Rowe brothers of that district threshed 5,513 bushels of oats from 40 acres, an average of 119 bushels per acre.

Shortly after the new year the oil refinery just completed at Calgary by the Imperial Oil Company at a cost of \$2,500,000, will spring into capacity production. Tankage facilities were provided early in the summer and a large supply of crude oil is on hand. The Sunburst fields, in Montana, and the Wyoming field will be drawn upon for supplies of crude oil. The capacity production of the new refinery is between 3,000 and 4,000 barrels a day.

For the first time in the history of the province the number of auto licenses issued has passed the 40,000 mark. Receipts from this source now

1,733,000 to date, the amount received last year being \$718,000. Revenue from the gasoline tax is already \$206,000, and is expected to reach the estimate for the full year of \$230,000.

A new record in Alberta coal production will be made this year, judging from preliminary reports which have been received at Calgary. It is expected that the total output will reach at least 7,000,000 tons, in comparison with less than 6,000,000 tons last year. The mining payroll this year, it is said, will exceed \$18,000,000.

Never in its history has southern Alberta marketed as large a crop as is now being handled by the Lethbridge division of the Canadian Pacific railway. All past records have been broken. Approximately 13,500,000 bushels have been moved by the C.P.R. The next largest year was in 1915. Even that year fell two million bushels short of the volume handled up to the first of November of this year.

The standard hotels must comply with law for fire prevention and provide fire escapes in order to secure license next year. Instructions have been sent out to license inspectors who will issue the license, and there must be ropes placed in every room above the ground floor and secured to the inside of the window frame so that the occupants may escape in event of a fire. It is stated that in many hotels, such a rope is not provided, but no hotel will receive a license, that is not equipped with ropes.

Immigration to Canada for the first seven months of the fiscal year shows an increase of 102 per cent, when compared with the total figures for the corresponding period of 1922-23. The statement shows that 106,508 immigrants entered Canada, as compared with 52,651 in the same period last year. British immigration increased 125 per cent, United States Immigration decreased 11 per cent, and immigration from other countries increased 230 per cent. British immigration during the seven months totalled 57,612, United States 14,900, other countries 33,996.

HOCKEY SCHEDULE

We print below a schedule of the league games of hockey to be played in this district between the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association clubs of Vulcan, Nanton, Okotoks and High River:

Jan. 2nd—High River at Nanton; Okotoks at Vulcan.

Jan. 8th—Vulcan at High River; Nanton at Okotoks.

Jan. 11th—High River at Okotoks; Vulcan at Nanton.

Jan. 14th—Okotoks at Nanton.

Jan. 15th—High River at Vulcan.

Jan. 18th—Vulcan at Okotoks; Nanton at High River.

Jan. 22nd—Nanton at Vulcan; Okotoks at High River.

FOUND

HAT—Ladies' Hat, found on road west of Vulcan. Owner may have same by calling at The Advocate office, proving property and paying for this ad.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, has issued his annual New Year message to all officers and employees of the system as follows: "The ideals of courtesy and efficiency on which the Canadian Pacific service is based have been maintained to the fullest extent during the past year and desire on behalf of the management and of myself to thank all officers and employees for their admirable record. The great harvest of the west and the prospect for increased immigration justifies us in anticipating continued prosperity for 1924. That prosperity depends so much on adequate and effective transportation that it behooves every one of us to strain every effort to meet the anticipated demands of the public. The closing month of the year that has passed was saddened by the death of our chairman, the late Lord Shaughnessy, to whose forty years of splendid service the established strength and world wide growth of the Canadian Pacific Railway are largely due. It's magnificent achievement should be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come. I extend to all of you and to the members of your families my best wishes for a New Year filled with happiness, prosperity and health."

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Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that the following described animals were impounded in the pound kept by L. A. Douglas, located on the W. H. 1-18-23-4, on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1923, and that the said animals were sold on the 24th day of December, 1923:

One Grey Mare, two years old, branded on right shoulder. Sold to Dick Brodick, of Vulcan, Alberta, R. R. 2.

One Grey Gelding, two years old, branded on right shoulder. Sold to Dick Brodick, of Vulcan, Alberta, R. R. 2.

One Black Gelding, seven years old, three white feet, white strip on face, branded on right shoulder. Sold to Mrs. M. A. McCarthy, of Vulcan, Alta.

One Black Mare, nine years old, three white feet, white strip on face, branded on left shoulder. Sold to Mrs. M. A. McCarthy, of Vulcan, Alberta.

One Bay Mare, four years old, no visible brand. Sold to Mrs. M. A. McCarthy, Vulcan, Alberta.

And that said animals may be redeemed by the owners or on their behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animals. For information apply to the undersigned.

R. E. HOUSE,

Secretary Treasurer of the Municipality of Marquis No. 157, Vulcan P.O.

WANTED

ADVERTISEMENTS—For this column at 50c. for the first time, and 25 cents each time afterwards.

FARM—Advertiser desires to secure by lease or rental, one section or less of land, near town preferred. Has had years of farming experience. Send particulars of what you have to The Advocate, Vulcan, or call personally at the office. Jan21p

EMPLOYMENT—Married couple, with year of farming experience, desire a position on farm. Apply at The Advocate, Vulcan. Jan21p

ESTRAY

COW—Young white faced Cow, strayed from Dorch Bros. place, south of Vulcan. Reward for return of animal or information leading to recovery. Jan21p

FOR SALE

WINDMILL—Ten-foot Windmill, and Head, Ontario make, second hand, in good shape. Apply to Roy Walker, Vulcan. Jan21p

RANGE—One Home Comfort Range, for sale cheap. Enquire at Advocate office, Vulcan. Dec19/c

BULL—Registered Holstein Bull, five years old, mother's record 27 pounds one week. Also number cows and heifers, pure bred and grades. Rhode Island Red Cockerels, pure bred hens and pullets, at reduced prices if taken soon. Sep. Washburn, Phone R2811, Vulcan. Nov28cc

FOLLOW ALBERTA'S LEAD

A resolution favoring compulsory cream grading which has been in effect for the past year or more, was passed at the Dominion dairy conference in Ottawa during the first part of December. The conference also recommended the adoption of similar cream standards for all provinces, upon the basis of standards now in effect in some of the western provinces. The conference recognized the process which has been made in the improvement of the quality of butter in Alberta under the compulsory cream grading system, and was unanimously in favor of such a system.

The Prince of Wales will go to Africa on May 2, 1924. He will be absent four months.

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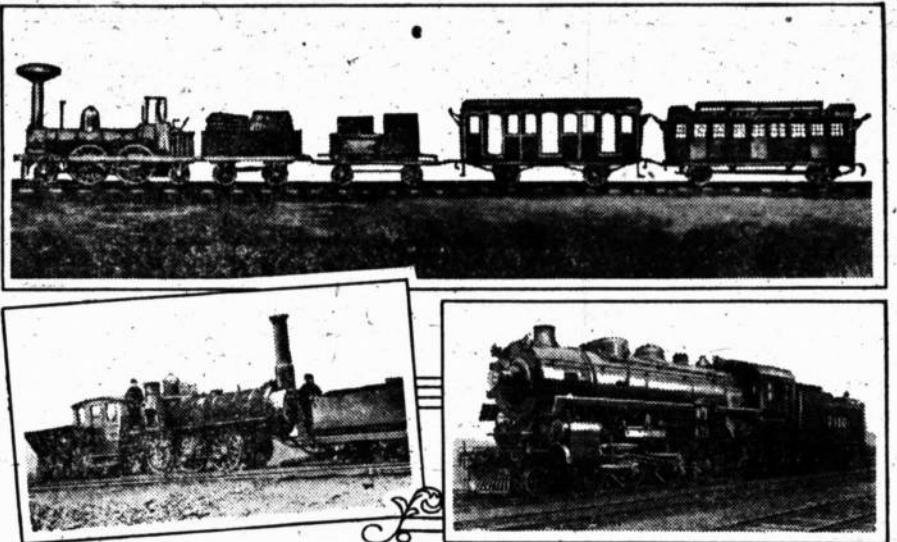
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PHONE 25

An Interesting Bit of Railway History.



Above, "The Dorchester." Left, the "Dorchester," another early train, used at Albion Mines, claimed to be the first locomotive used in America. Right, one of the most modern locomotives, as used by the Canadian Pacific Railway in passenger service.

THERE has been considerable speculation as to what the first railway train to be run in Canada really looked like. People have exercised their imagination considerably in drawing what they thought it looked like but the most authentic and reliable picture that has been preserved is the one reproduced above. The original is the property of Mrs. A. J. Wright, of St. Johns, Que., who has kindly permitted it to be photographed and reproduced. It was drawn from careful sketches of the original engine and cars, and can be depended upon as giving an exact outline of Canada's first train.

Interest centres in the engine which was named "The Dorchester." It is described as follows in Wishaw's "Railways of Great Britain and Ireland": "Cylinders, 9 in. in diameter, 14 in. stroke. Drive wheels, two pair coupled, 48 in. diameter. Length of boiler, 78 in., and 37 in. in diameter. Length of fire-box 18 1/2 in., width 43 in., depth 28 in. Total weight of machine in working order, 12,544 lbs. The cost of the engine was \$1,500.

The Dorchester was built in Stephenson's works, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and came to her destination via New York City, the Hudson River, Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River, being transported on a barge. In after years she was rebuilt, fitted out with a funnel, a cab, a bogey truck and a cow-catcher. She finished her days in the service of the Lanoraie and Industry R.R., running between Lanoraie and Joliette, Que., and when this railroad was absorbed by another the Dorchester was ruthlessly broken up for scrap.

With this engine the first railway in Canada, the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railway, running between St. Johns and Laprairie, Que., a distance of 14 1/2 miles, began operations on July 21st, 1836, when it was formally opened by His Excellency the Earl of Gosford. Owing to an accident to the engine a few days prior to the opening, it was thought safest to attach only two cars to it for the opening run. In these the more distinguished guests rode while

the balance of the 300 persons who participated in the function were transported from Laprairie to St. Johns in cars drawn by horses. The rate of speed was low, but did not disappoint those who had depended upon the terms of the prospectus of the railway which promised to transport passengers at "the unprecedented speed of 10, 12 and even 15 miles per hour." On the day following the opening the engine covered the distance between its two terminal points in thirty minutes.

The road had a five feet six inch gauge, the rails were of wood with iron strips laid on top of them, and the rolling stock of the railway consisted of one engine, four passenger cars and twenty freight cars, with a capacity of about ten tons each. The cost of each passenger car was about \$1,000 and the cost of the road itself was estimated at \$33,500.

Commenting on the significance of the opening of this Canadian railway, the "Montreal Courier," of July 23, 1836, a copy of which is preserved among the files of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, said:

"The completion of this new and admirable mode of communication between the above water (the St. Lawrence and the Richelieu) is the first event of the kind that falls to be recorded in the annals of this province, and judging from the onward march of the spirit among us, it may be considered only the first of a series of railways that will be the necessary auxiliaries to our noble lakes and rivers in fostering the vast commerce of which this province is destined to be the seat."

As one reads this prophecy, looks upon the crude train pictured above, and then considers the size, power, speed, luxury and convenience of railway facilities over Canada's forty thousand miles of railway to-day he realizes with what rapid strides railway developments in Canada have proceeded since that memorable day, July 21st, 1836, when the first railway in Canada was officially opened.

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